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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Prescribed Fire Burn Window: March 13 – April 30, 2017

You may see smoke at times during the dates above because The Nature Conservancy will be conducting Prescribed Burns on our Pemberton Forest Preserve at Ponders Tract in Ellendale, along route 16. These burns are carefully planned and implemented, and are a necessary management tool in restoring the old loblolly pine plantation, that is Ponders Tract, back to a historical southern Delaware forest. These burns also have the added benefit of decreasing potential wildfires.

The Prescribed burns are conducted under precise, closely monitored weather conditions and by a specially trained crew that is nationally qualified in prescribed fire. Every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of the public and the burn crew, and the prescribed burns will not take place if the proper weather and fuel conditions are not met.

If you have any questions about The Nature Conservancy or our fire program, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully,

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